

dedicated themselves to providing the best possible education to its students.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Angelo State University will complete construction of its Rao Alumni and Visitors Center in 2001; and

Whereas, This center will serve as a link to the future and the past of Angelo State University, welcoming both new students and its alumni; and

Whereas, Angelo State University has made an ongoing commitment to the future by providing a top rate education to students from across Texas, the United States and the world; and

Whereas, The dedication of this time capsule by the Alumni Association serves as a symbol of Angelo State's commitment to the future; and

Whereas, We included in this capsule a flag flown over our nation's capitol on October 4, 1999, as symbol of our dedication to those future generations who will open it during the 2025 Angelo State University homecoming celebration, be it

Resolved, That I, Charles W. Stenholm, as Congressman for the 17th District of Texas, do officially recognize and extend my best wishes on the dedication of this capsule by the Angelo State University Alumni Association and that an official copy of this resolution be presented to the University and Alumni Association as an expression of my high regards for their efforts.

CHARLES W. STENHOLM,
Member of Congress.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GAMBIA AND NASA

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight for my colleagues the continued cooperation between The Gambia and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The Gambia's President, Dr. Yahya Jammeh, recently completed his first visit to the United States as head-of-State, and I had the opportunity to meet with him personally to discuss issues of mutual interest.

The Banjul Airport has been among four select locations in the world designated as augmented emergency landing sites and recovery locations for the United States Space Shuttle. NASA space shuttles, launched eastward in a ballistic trajectory over the Atlantic Ocean, fly directly over Banjul, thus making it an ideal location for emergency landings if needed. Banjul International Airport (BIA) boasts an ultra-modern \$10 million passenger terminal, a new nine-floor Air Traffic Control Tower, newly installed security systems, and upgraded airfield lighting and navigation systems. In addition, The Gambia's Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) works closely with the United Space Alliance, which is responsible for operating the Transoceanic Abort Landing (TAL) sites for every NASA space shuttle mission.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend NASA and President Jammeh for their cooperation, and I strongly encourage them to continue to work together in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO ROY QUICK OF QUICK TAX & ACCOUNTING SERVICE ON SELECTION TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a resident of Missouri's 2nd District and a friend—Mr. Roy M. Quick, Jr. on his selection to serve as a member of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC). Roy, who is a small business owner back home in St. Louis, runs Quick Tax and Accounting Service with his wife Edith.

The primary role of the IRSAC is to advise the Commissioner of the IRS on the public's perceptions of IRS activities and current and future tax administration programs and initiatives. As a Member of Congress who attends many town hall meetings, women in chamber and business roundtable events back home, I can tell you that this is definitely an area where the IRS has plenty of room for improvement. The group suggests operational improvements and offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs and procedures. In essence, the men and women who sit on this Council could be called the inner voice of the IRS.

While I am proud to announce the selection of Roy Quick to the IRSAC, I am especially pleased by the fact that seven of the new IRSAC members are small business owners. For too long, small business owners have not had a seat at the table when talking about the complex regulatory and tax issues that leave them in a quagmire of compliance paperwork. I am hopeful that with seven of the fourteen slots on the IRSAC now being held by small business owners that these men and women will offer guidance and a real life perspective to the decision-making process that affects more than 12 million small business owners across the nation.

Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Small business, I ask all of you to join me in offering not only our congratulations but our appreciation to these men and women—the small business owners like Roy Quick—who every day are working to keep America's engine—small business—running and on course to a better tomorrow.

A TRIBUTE TO SENIORS HELPING PEOPLE

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Al Graff and Dick Wheelock for their humanitarian contributions to our local community. The article below from the June 17, 1999, Coast News highlights their tremendous accomplishments in providing health care to the uninsured in San Diego County. Mr. Graff and Dr. Wheelock deserve our sincere congratulations for their efforts. They should be proud of their work, and I am proud to have such fine individuals as constituents.

[From the Coast News, June 17, 1999]

RETIRED FRIENDS TENDING TO THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS

By Jack Broward

EDEN GARDENS—There is no more appropriate term in describing Al Graff, 80, and his partner Dick Wheelock, 73, than synergism: working together as a team, they exceed what could otherwise be achieved individually.

Yet, judged individually, Graff stood at the very pinnacle of his engineering profession as an executive with General Atomics before retirement in 1983 as director of International Operations.

Dr. G. Richard Wheelock, founding Medical Director in 1955 of the Del Mar Medical Clinic, was for the seaside community of Del Mar, only the area's second medical doctor to practice there at that time. It was not long before Wheelock's medical colleague retired, leaving him as the only physician in town.

Like all areas of North San Diego County's coastal region, the climate, lifestyles and informality attracted tens of thousands of new residents. In time, new doctors, joined the clinic as patient load increased.

In retrospect, Wheelock thinks now that he might have never retired without the retirement party that his wife threw for him without advance notice!

For as many years as he can remember, Rancho Santa Fe resident Al Griff has been an advocate for social justice, a calling he refers to as "the needs of the people."

The Berkeley graduate forged over the years, a dedication to social justice that eventually manifested itself in his ordination as a deacon at Solna Beach's St. James Catholic church. His new role in life began the day after his retirement in 1983.

The plot thickens with Wheelock's retirement from practice in Del Mar after 44 years as "the village doctor."

Graff's good health, agile mind and aggressive spirit were the elements key to the ultimate establishment of a medical clinic here in Eden Gardens.

His lengthy friendship with Wheelock included participation in community efforts to aid the poor and needy residents of Tijuana. "We were returning from Tijuana one Saturday afternoon after delivering medical supplies donations from area hospitals in the region," recalls Graff. "Dick asked me what I thought about opening a small clinic adjoining St. Leo's Mission."

Through arrangements made by St. James Pastor, the Reverend John Howard (St. Leo's Mission is a subsidiary of St. James), it was agreed that a clinic was needed. The Mission, located on some four acres of property, is a focal point of community life in Eden Gardens. Social as well as religious events draw parishioners to the facility for wide ranging activities throughout the week.

"We situated the clinic in a single room in the back of the church, using the kitchen facilities as a patient waiting room." Dick Wheelock recalls, telling how, in 1992, the clinic's presence was a "word-of-mouth" operation.

Sunday Mass announcements included (and still do) a run-down about clinic hours, special education awareness programs, vaccinations for babies, a yearly mammogram program for women over 40 years of age as well as numerous other special programs offered by the clinic. In a short time, the clinic patient load outgrew its single-room operation. The addition of two more small rooms plus an indoor patient waiting room that also serves as the filing-administration section was eventually provided.

Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9 until noon are the